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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARY Jewelers, LLC., )  
Plaintiff, )  
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v. ) CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-CV-10281  
IBJTC Business Credit Corp. and ) EFH  
David Molinario, )  
Defendants. ) AFFIDAVIT OF TOM MORGAN

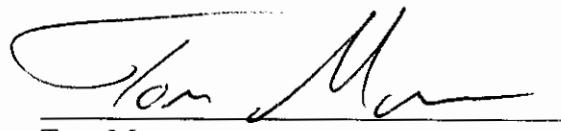
TOM MORGAN, being sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I submit this affidavit at the request of Plaintiff's attorney in support of Plaintiff's response to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment
2. Back in late 2000 and through the Spring of 2001, I was a Vice President at Foothill Capital Corporation and in charge of the day to day management of the Krigel loan account. Krigel's had been a long-time client of Foothill and for that reason, Foothill had a lot of information about their inventory, financial condition, etc. This coupled with the fact that Foothill's less attractive option was to liquidate Krigel's.
3. The information we were looking for from Krigel was set forth in my letter to ARY dated November 7, 2000, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. This information had been provided by ARY.
4. Prior to February 28, 2001, I am not aware of any further due diligence or background checks that were either necessary or had been requested. Prior to February 28, 2001, it is my belief that consummating a deal between Foothill and ARY based on Foothill's December proposal (which was further extended on January 31, 2001) was probable.

5. Additionally, to the best of my recollection, I am not aware of a meeting prior to February 28, 2001 between Steven Cole, Scott Krigel and Gohar Husain, where Mr. Cole was informed that Krigel's and ARY were negotiating with IBJ to provide this financing.

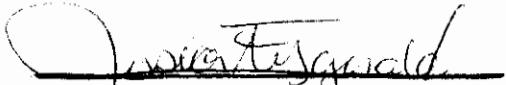
6. At some point during the relevant time period, Foothill Capital Corp. established a division called Wells Fargo Retail Finance. Both Foothill Capital Corp. and Wells Fargo Retail Finance are owned by Wells Fargo Bank.

7. Attached to this affidavit as Exhibit 1 are true and correct copies of term sheets Foothill Capital Corp./Wells Fargo issued to ARY Jewelers, LLC in connection with ARY's attempt to purchase the stock of Krigel's, Inc. Also attached is a letter dated November 7, 2000 from myself to Stuart Fetter (a broker involved in the transaction for ARY to buy Krigel's) setting forth an initial priority list of items needed to obtain the financing. Such term sheets and the letter are incorporated herein by reference. The term sheets and letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1 were kept by Foothill Capital Corp./Wells Fargo in the regular course of its business. As a senior account executive with Foothill Capital Corp., I was familiar with the lending process for the company. It was the regular course of the business for an employee or representative of Foothill Capital Corp./Wells Fargo with knowledge of the act, event, condition, or opinion recorded to prepare term sheets and letters such as the term sheets and letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and to make a business record, the term sheets and letter, or to transmit information thereof to be included in such term sheets and letter. The term sheets and letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1 were made at or near the time of the act, event, condition, or opinions recorded therein, or reasonably soon thereafter. The term sheets and letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1 are true and correct copies of the original.



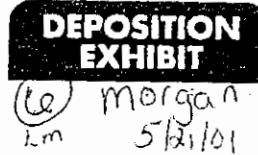
Tom Morgan

Sworn to before me on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.



Notary seal:

JESSICA R FITZGERALD  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 19, 2010



December 15, 2000

Mr. Gohar Husain  
ARY Jewelers, LLC

# Foothill.

Re: Emergence Financing Proposal Letter

Dear Mr. Husain:

In accordance with Foothill Capital's discussions with Stuart Fetter and Scott Krigel, President of Krigels Jewelers it is Foothill's understanding that ARY, LLC's intends to purchase 100% of the stock of Krigel's Jewelers. This is further evidenced by the execution of that certain "Stock Purchase Agreement" dated November 21, 2000. It is Foothill's understanding that Krigel's Jewelers anticipates filing for Chapter 11 protection on or about January 15, 2001 and will exit shortly thereafter under the ownership of ARY, LLC. Please let this letter serve as an expression of Foothill Capital's interest in reviewing the opportunity to provide the emergence financing for Krigel's Jewelers under ARY, LLC's ownership, but should not be considered a commitment to lend. Any commitment to lend would be subject to, among other things, Foothill Capital's Credit Committee approval. The proposed financing arrangement would be as follows:

1. **Maximum Credit Facility: \$12,000,000**

- (a) **Working Capital Revolving Line (the "Line")**: An amount up to the Maximum Credit Facility (less the amounts outstanding under the Accounts Receivable Sub-Line and L/C Sub-Line) subject to the inventory-borrowing base as outlined below.
- (b) **Inventory Borrowing Base**: The lesser of; i) 70% of the cost of eligible inventory net of customary reserves or ii) 90% of the Net Retail Liquidation Value ("NRLV") as updated periodically by an appraiser acceptable to Foothill. The borrower may (with 10 days written prior written notice) request an increase of the inventory advance to 75% (not to exceed 95% of Net Retail Liquidation Value) rate for one consecutive 90 day period in each calendar year.
- (c) **Accounts Receivable Sub-Line**: Advances on 80% of eligible accounts receivable (not to exceed \$5,000,000 under the maximum credit facility) less 1% for each percentage point in which dilution exceeds 10%. At no time shall the loan outstanding on the accounts exceed A/R collections for the previous 90-day period.

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(d) **Letter of Credit Subline:** Up to \$3,000,000 would be available for the issuance and/or guaranty of Letters of Credit. All such Letters of Credit issued will be reserved on a 100% basis.

(e) **Minimum Availability Requirement:** \$1,000,000 at all times.

2. **Purpose:**

Loan proceeds would be used for the re-payment of the existing DIP facility and for post emergence general corporate purposes, including the financing of working capital needs and payment of amounts due under the Borrower's Plan of Re-organization.

3. **Interest Rate:**

The rate of interest charged on the Line would be one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) above the present and future Reference Rate publicly announced from time to time by Wells Fargo Bank. Interest would be calculated on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year on actual days elapsed and would be payable monthly in arrears. At no time would interest charged on the Line be less than seven percent (7.00%). The default rate of interest would be 3.0% above the applicable rate at the time of default.

4. **Facility/Maintenance Fees:**

(a) **Emergency Financing Fee:** A fee of \$120,000 shall be earned in full and payable at the date of closing.

(b) **Unused Line Fee:** A fee of 0.375% per annum, payable monthly would be charged for the average daily-unused portion of the Line.

(c) **Letter of Credit Guaranty Fee:** A fee equal to one and three quarters percent (1.75%) per annum of the actual amount of guaranties issued, plus issuing bank charges, would be payable monthly in arrears.

(d) **Servicing Fee:** A monthly Collateral Management fee of \$2,000 would be earned and payable monthly, in arrears.

5. **Collections / Receipts:**

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calculation purposes only and there would be no delay in the crediting of such collections for the purpose of calculating borrowing availability.

6. **Loan Maturity and Prepayment:**

The Credit Facility would mature three (3) years ("Maturity") from the emergence loan closing date. Termination of the loan prior to Maturity would result in a prepayment fee equal to a percentage of the Maximum Credit Line (\$12MM) as follows; year one (3.00%), year two (2.00%) and year three (1.00%), plus 102% of all undrawn Letters of Credit.

7. **Security:**

As collateral for this financing agreement, Lender would have a first priority perfected security interest in all of Borrower's assets including, but not limited to: accounts receivable; inventory; trademarks and trade names; fixed assets; leasehold interests and real property and such other assets, tangible or intangible, real or personal as Lender designates.

8. **Covenants:**

Borrower would be required to maintain financial and collateral covenants that are typically used by Lender in similar retail transactions and may include, Minimum and Maximum Inventory levels, Gross Margin test, Purchases test, Maximum Capital Expenditures, EBITDA as well as other such tests. The covenants would be developed as a result of Lenders due diligence process and will be based off a discount of Borrower's, historic and projected operating performance.

9. **Closing Date:**

If the transaction contemplated by this letter is not consummated on or before February 28, 2001, then the terms and conditions set forth herein shall expire, without further notice or act of any kind by Lender or any other party.

10. **Conditions Precedent:**

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- (b) The UCC financing statements, fixture filings, deeds of trust or mortgages and related documents regarding the collateral (as applicable) shall have been recorded in all appropriate jurisdictions. Lender shall have received written notification reflecting same.
- (c) Loan origination costs including, but not limited to, audit fees, attorneys fees, search fees, appraisals, documentation and filings, shall be paid by Borrower.
- (d) Completion of an updated field survey by Lender's examiners as well as an updated appraisal, which results are to be acceptable to Lender.
- (e) Borrower shall have executed and delivered such documents, instruments, security agreements, insurance, financing statements, corporate guarantees, verifications, non-offset letters, tax lien and litigation searches, good standing certificates, copies of building leases, landlord's waivers, trust deeds or mortgages, opinions of counsel and done such other acts a Lender may request in order to obtain Lender's legal approval to effect the completion of the financing arrangements herein contemplated. All of the foregoing must be in a form satisfactory to Lender and Lender's counsel, all loans and advances shall be made pursuant to, and subject to, the terms of financing documents executed at the closing.
- (f) Approval of Foothill Capital's Sr. Credit Committee.
- (g) Satisfactory review of ARY, LLC's business plan as it relates to the purchase of 100% of the stock of Krigel's Jewelers.
- (h) No material adverse change in the business, operations, profits or prospects of Borrower shall have occurred since the date of the Commitment.
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- (j) Borrower's Plan of Re-organization shall be on terms acceptable to Lender. The Plan of Reorganization shall have been confirmed by a final order entered by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Confirmation Order"), in form and substance acceptable to Lender in its sole discretion, and which has not been stayed by the Bankruptcy Court or by any other court having jurisdiction to issue any such stay. The Confirmation Order shall have been entered upon proper notice to all parties to be bound by the Plan of Reorganization, all as required by the Bankruptcy Code, the  
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This discussion letter is for your benefit only and shall not create rights in favor of any other person or entity.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 2001

Mr. Gohar Husain  
 ARY Jewelers, LLC

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March 27, 2001

Mr. Gohar Husain  
 ARY Jewelers, LLC

**Re: Krigel's Jeweler's - Emergence Financing Proposal Letter**

Dear Mr. Husain:

In accordance with our prior and recent discussions and after review of your updated emergence business plan, Wells Fargo Retail Finance, LLC ("WFRF") issues this letter as an expression of our interest in reviewing the opportunity to provide the emergence financing for Krigel's Jewelers under ARY, LLC's ownership. Please understand that this letter should not be construed as a commitment to lend. Any commitment to lend would be subject to, among other conditions precedent, WFRF's Credit Committee approval. The proposed financing arrangement would be as follows:

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- (e) Borrower shall have executed and delivered such documents instruments, security agreements, insurance, financing statements corporate guarantees, verifications, non-offset letters, tax lien and litigation searches, good standing certificates, copies of building leases landlord's waivers, trust deeds or mortgages, opinions of counsel and done such other acts a Lender may request in order to obtain Lender's legal approval to effect the completion of the financing arrangements herein contemplated. All of the foregoing must be in a form satisfactory to Lender and Lender's counsel, all loans and advances shall be made pursuant to, and subject to, the terms of financing documents executed at the closing.
- (f) Approval of WFRF's Sr. Credit Committee.
- (g) Satisfactory review of ARY, LLC's business plan as it relates to the purchase of 100% of the stock of Krigel's Jewelers.
- (h) No material adverse change in the business, operations, profits or prospects of Borrower shall have occurred since the date of the Commitment.
- (i) Borrower shall, at loan closing, have minimum unused loan availability of \$2,000,000.
- (j) Borrower's Plan of Re-organization shall be on terms acceptable to Lender. The Plan of Reorganization shall have been confirmed by a final order entered by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Confirmation Order"), in form and substance acceptable to Lender in its sole discretion, and which has not been stayed by the Bankruptcy Court or by any other court having jurisdiction to issue any such stay. The Confirmation Order shall have been entered upon proper notice to all parties to be bound by the Plan of Reorganization, all as may be required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and any applicable local bankruptcy rules. Moreover, the time to appeal the Confirmation Order or to seek review, rehearing, or certiorari with respect to the Confirmation Order must have expired, no appeal or petition for review, rehearing, or certiorari with respect to the Confirmation Order may be pending, and the Confirmation Order must otherwise be in full force and effect.
- (k) Background evaluations satisfactory to WFRF, of ARY, LLC's owner's and management.

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11. Periodic Loan Maintenance Charges:

Borrower would be periodically charged for due diligence, loan maintenance, audit and appraisal costs.

12. Loan Origination Costs:

In connection with the request for financing, Borrower understands that it will be necessary for Lender to make certain financial, legal and collateral investigations and determinations. Borrower agrees to pay for all of Lender's reasonably incurred costs and expenses incurred in connection with the proposed financing transaction including costs and expenses incurred by auditors and appraisers in verifying Borrower's records, Lender's reasonable legal expenses for advice in preparing documents in connection with the proposed loan, and any filing and search fees and Borrower shall obtain bankruptcy court approval for such costs and expenses which shall be entitled to priority as an administrative expense claim under Section 503(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

13. Additional Security:

To further secure the debt, WFRF will require a \$500M secured guarantee in the form of a Letter of Credit issued by a financial institution acceptable to WFRF, designating WFRF as the beneficiary.

This discussion letter is for your benefit only and shall not create rights in favor of any other person or entity.

Sincerely,

WELLS FARGO RETAIL FINANCE, LLC



Thomas F. Morgan  
Vice President

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VIA FACSIMILE (843) 881-3387

November 7, 2000

Mr. Stuart Fetter, CEO  
Silverman's, Inc.  
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Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Re: Krigel's Jewelers, Inc.

Dear Stuart,

I enjoyed speaking with you yesterday regarding Krigel's Jewelers, and hearing about your plan to facilitate the purchase of Krigel's on behalf of your client. Foothill Capital is very interested in exploring the opportunity of providing DIP financing to the Buyer. Foothill has enjoyed a very good relationship with Krigel's since funding the facility in July 1998 and would like the opportunity to possibly continue the relationship with new ownership. As I am sure you are aware, Foothill not only provides asset based financing to manufacturers and wholesalers but also provides financing to a large and diverse retail portfolio as well. We have a great deal of experience in the jewelry industry both in retail and manufacturing which will give us the ability to provide your client with the highest level of quality customer service.

Pursuant to our conversation yesterday, I have detailed below a priority list of items I will need to obtain in order to prepare and provide to you a DIP Financing Proposal Letter. Additional items may be needed, however these are the most important at this time. Also of note, as part of Foothill's ongoing monitoring of the current facility, we are currently in the process of performing an update audit of the company and are contracting Gordon Brothers to update the appraisal of the inventory. If you could please provide the following, it would be greatly appreciated:

• Background of the Buyer:

- 1.) Information detailing the type of business the Buyer is currently operating.
- 2.) Current financial information.
- 3.) General background information of the Buyer and its Principal's.

• Pro-Forma Information:

- 1.) Sources and Uses analysis reflecting the New Company's projected liquidity position on day one of a DIP financing. The analysis should include all anticipated sources and uses of cash including, any cash injections on the part of new ownership, payments to creditors etc., to arrive at the projected liquidity position at the end of day one. For analysis purposes, assume the current advance rates of the existing facility apply, realizing however that these may change.

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2.) DIP Projections (Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Cash Flow), rolling out a minimum of one full fiscal year.

Please call me if you have any questions at (617) 624-4428. I look forward to working with you

Sincerely,



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